jurisdiction of the Delhi Municipal Corporation and the New Delhi Municipal Committee are not directly relevant in relation to the assessment of property tax in view of the Supreme Court Judgement dated the 12th December, 1984 on the subject of property tax; and

(d) whether the information relating to such land prices has been communicated to the M.C.D. and N.D.M.C. for facilitating calculation of property tax; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no notification of prices from time to time.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The information relevent to land prices is supplied to MCD & MDMC by the Ministry of Works and Housing/Land and Development office or by DDA as and when local bodies ask for the same.

Central Crop Insurance Fund

2892. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Central Crop Insurance Fund;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what is the likely annual Central grant to the Crop Insurance Fund; and

(c) whether the proposed Fund is likely to provide financial assistance under the Crop Insurance Scheme to the farmers of drought affected Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The General Insurance Corporation of India is to set up the Central Crop Insurance Fund out of the income from insurance premium. No contribution from the Central Government to the corpus of the Fund is envisaged in the Scheme.

(c) In he event of failure of crops insured under the Scheme, due to drought or other natural calamities, two-third share of the indemnities payable to the farmers shall be out of the Central Crop Insurance Fund. The remaining one-third shall be borne by the State Government. This pattern is applicable to States, including Orissa, which are implementing the Scheme.

Building plan of South Delhi Colonies

2893. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the building plans in some of the regularised colonies of South Delhi *viz.* Arjun Nagar, Krishna Nagar, Humayunpur etc. have not been sanctioned by Government inspite of the fact that development charges have been paid by the land owners;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether some restrictions have also been imposed by Government in regard to repairs, alternation of ceiling etc. of the existing buildings in those colonies and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when Government propose to sanction buildjng plans and withdraw restrictions on repairs in those localities of South Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (d) The DDA has reported that building plans are sanctioned and permission for carrying out repairs etc., to the existing